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Dear Ed,

As Jery may have told you if I haven't, I'm deep into writing again, which compli ates an already complicated life and leaves only few scattered moments. Urlet 12: I understand that the editor for whom Squires works, Siegenthaler, took over Squires' unpublishable thing and did what he did. I haven't seen it. At some point I suppose I'll have to read it on the chance it has what either escaped reporting in the papers, appeared in those I couldn't see, got edited out, etc. Would I thought any Tenn. editor could write a book fitting the title The Search for Justice. Glad to get your estimate. With all the whores having besmirched themselves on me, it should have good chances for good reviews...I'll not be surprised if you are right on Frank, but I suspect he has written much, if not a book Doubleday will publish or pleases him. He was to have completed it almost a year ago from a letter Huie then wrote me, indicating it and Hoffa were nearing completion. If DX is smart, they'll wait, and either take their present loss, ad Harper did with Marina/Priscilla, or be ready to exploit if my fears for Ray's survival turn out to be warranted. ...My understanding of the LA grand jury from a locla reporter is that at least the overt purposes are to look into what happened to the evidence, no more. I nominate Charach as the victim. Few could have asked for that dubious distinction longer or harder.

You are almost 100% correct on JG and Nothing. They had a few good things by accident and didn't recognize them. And, of course, they did nothing with anything...Callinghouse clip on prospects his grand-jury is whistling himself pa t the graveyard. Unless we getmuch closer to fascism than we now are his good case against others than JG has been blown, by or for him by DJ DC. But that is a rich territory of the feds ever decide to do a job. The one F.O. source I still trust and hear from only infrequently shares my belief Sargent Pitcher, Baton Rouge DA, will be next. Among others. And, while my mind is on other things, I'm getting a hunch there will be another stoolie surface inside JG's office. We can't dream up all the stupidities. Somebody has to have primed him for the last, which I can't now go into...I've fotgotten what the "Lawrence story" is.

Hasty thanks.

By the way, if Cal. really wanted the JG witnesses not to be seen, nobody would see them. T is is p.r. stuff, and it is obvious that if reporters do not know them, the mob well might.